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by disulfide bridges to form a ring structure such that each adjacent pair in said ring is joined by at least one disulfide bond.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the Application. Claims 15 and 19 are amended, and new claims 103-113 are added. Support for new claims 103-113 may be found throughout the specification and in originally filed claims 35-45. Applicants respectfully submit that now new matter is introduced by the present Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early allowance of the instant application. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 248-7103.

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